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MENT (OZONE)

REF: STATE 137809, 135286

1. SUMMARY. COINCIDENT WITH JUNE 12 PETERSON-STEVEY
PRESS CONFERENCE, US DELEGATION TO THE 15TH SESSION OF
THE OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RAISED ISSUE IN THAT
COMMITTEE (SEE SEP TEL). PROPOSAL WAS THAT US AND
CANADA ACT AS JOINT "LEAD COUNTRY" IN GATHERING
AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE ISSUE.
PROPOSAL COORDINATED IN ADVANCE WITH CANADIANS AND
RECEIVED FAVORABLY BY COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

2. ENTERING 15TH SESSION, US WAS PREPARED TO RAISE THE
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ISSUE , MAKING GENERAL REFERENCES TO IMOS REPORT, ANTI-

CIPATING ITS TRANSMITTAL TO ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES UPON ITS PUBLICATION, AND PROMISING TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON APPROPRIATE FUTURE OECD ACTION ONCE MEMBERS HAD HAD A CHANCE TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE ISSUE. (US KNEW CANADIANS HAD SUBMITTED A PAPER ON THE FLUORO-CARBON/OZONE ISSUE AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE CHEMICALS SECTOR GROUP AND HAD ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY AT LEAST WERE VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THE MATTER. ALSO THE SECTOR GROUP HAD ASKED THAT THE SUBJECT BE TACKLED ON TO THE END OF THE AGENDA FOR THIS SESSION OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.)

3. UPON RECEIPT STATE 135286, DELEGATION DECIDED IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO MAKE MORE SHARPLY FOCUSSED PRESENTATION TO COMMITTEE THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED. USING CANADIAN INTEREST AND COMMITTEE'S ONGOING DISCUSSION ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF INSTITUTING "LEAD COUNTRY" APPROACH ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS, US QUOTED RELEVANT PARTS OF PRESS RELEASE TO COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERED ITSELF AND CANADA TO CONDUCT AN INFORMATION GATHERING EXERCISE FOR A REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER. NO RECOMMENDATIONS OR ACTION PROPOSALS TO COMMITTEE WERE FORECAST, BUT MERELY A RESUME OF INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTION AND USE DATA AND INFORMATION ON RELEVANT SCIENTIFIC STUDIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. US ALSO SAID THAT, WHEN IMOS REPORT IS AVAILABLE, IT WILL BE FORMALLY TRANSMITTED TO OECD WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF STANDING "NOTIFICATION" PROCEDURES ON CHEMICALS ISSUES. WHETHER OR NOT SOME COUNTRY MIGHT SEEK CONSULTATIONS ON THE ISSUE IS DEBATABLE, IN VIEW OF THE EXPECTED "STATUS REPORT" TO BE MADE TO THE NOVEMBER ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. TURNER

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